

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 918

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jessica Ellison, 2008
Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Ellison is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ellison has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Jessica has earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous accolades; she was designated a National Merit Commended Scholar and was named to the All-District Team in basketball; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Jessica is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, which she served astutely as Vice President, and the Gatlinburg-Pittman girls' varsity basketball team, providing inspired leadership as Captain; and

WHEREAS, she has evidenced a strong commitment to good citizenship and public service at an early age by participating in service projects with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellison's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jim and Kathy Ellison, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Ellison's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jessica Ellison, 2008 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.